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FROM THE REVEREND JONATHAN BOUCHER.

CAROLINE Sept. 5th. 1768

DR SIR

I am much concern'd for Mastr. Custis's Indisposition, wc. yet I foresaw, & shd. have told You so, as I did Him, had I not been unwell at ye. Time He left Us. He is fond of Fruit, &, wt. is worse for Him, He is fond of Cucumbers; & to These, I doubt not, in a grt. Measure, He owes his bilious Complaints. A better Air, & stricter Attention, I trust, will soon restore Him to his former Health.

I did intend to have dismiss'd my Boys a Week ago; but thr. Parents & Friends havg. neglected to send for Them, Many of Them have had, & still have this vile Disorder. And both my Sister & Usher are also down in it, I see no Chance I have of quitting ye. Place durg. ye. sickly Season, wc. was my chief aim. Thank God, the Fevers are not very obstinate this Year, & easily give Way to Vomits & Bark.

Unless You hear from Me again, I shall be glad to see Jack here agn. abt. ye. latter End of this Month, if his Health will then permit Him: & I hardly expect He will be in a Capacity to leave Home much sooner. Then, I hope, He may come without Danger. Mr. Addison is expected here every Day, who will probably either come or return Your Way.

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I beg my Compts to Mrs. Washington, & her Son, & am Yr. most obedt. Hble Servt.
JONAN. BOUCHER